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November 3, 2000

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Lon Thomas
Star Stone Quarries, Inc.
4040 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Re: Public Notice to Owners of Record, Star Stone Quarries, Inc., Cotton Thomas Mine Plan Permit,
M/003/024, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Pursuant to Rule 647-4-116 of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Minerals Reclamation Program, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to issue tentative approval for Star Stone Quarries Inc.'s permit application for their Cotton Thomas large mine project in Box Elder County, Utah. This rule requires that all owners of record or immediately adjacent to the land affected be notified of said action. A copy of the public notice, that will be published in the Box Elder County and Salt Lake area newspapers, is attached for your reference and information.

Anyone aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby advised to file a written protest with this Division setting forth factual reasons why this proposed operation should not be approved. Written objections of substance, received by the Division during the public comment period, will be heard at a formal adjudicative proceeding in accordance with UCA §40-8-13

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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M03-24-own

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE	:	
DECISION TO APPROVE THE LARGE	:	NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
MINING NOTICE OF INTENTION FOR	:	DECISION TO APPROVE
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COTTON THOMAS MINE	:	NO. M/003/024
BOX ELDER COUNTY, UTAH	:	

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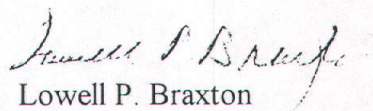
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DATED THIS 3rd day of November, 2000

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Lowell P. Braxton
Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Decision to Approve the Large Mining Notice of Intention for Star Stone Quarries, LLC's Cotton Thomas Mine to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the 3rd day of November, 2000 to:

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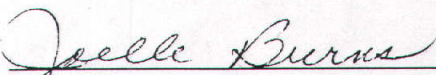
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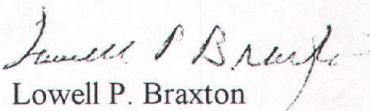
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